

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/9/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-10 and 12-24; renumbered as 1-22.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 1/22/03 and 7/14/99 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Lieteck on 12/8/2004.

Claim 2 lines 7 and 9, "associated" has been changed to "created".

Claim 3 lines 7 and 9, "associated" has been changed to "created".

Claim 4 lines 7 and 9, "associated" has been changed to "created".

Claim 6 lines 6 and 7, "associated" has been changed to "created".

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Claim 6 line 6, "based on a CDI" has been inserted after "gatekeeper".

Claim 6 line 7, "based on a CDI" has been inserted after "gatekeepers".

Claim 7 lines 5 and 6, "associated" has been changed to "created".

Claim 7 line 5, "based on a CDI" has been inserted after "gatekeeper".

Claim 7 line 6, "based on a CDI" has been inserted after "gatekeepers".

Claim 8 line 5, both occurrences of "associated" have been changed to "created".

Claim 8 line 5, "based on a CDI" has been inserted after "gatekeeper".

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Claim 8 line 6, "based on a CDI" has been inserted after "gatekeepers".

Claim 9 lines 5 and 6, "associated" has been changed to "created".

Claim 9 line 5, "based on a CDI" has been inserted after "gatekeeper".

Claim 9 line 6, "based on a CDI" has been inserted after "gatekeepers".

Claim 12 line 6, both occurrences of "associated" have been changed to "created".

Claim 12 line 6, "based on a CDI" has been inserted after "gatekeeper".

Claim 12 line 7, "based on a CDI" has been inserted after "gatekeepers".

Claim 14 line 6, both occurrences of "associated" have been changed to "created".

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Claim 14 line 6, "based on a CDI" has been inserted after "gatekeeper".

Claim 14 line 7, "based on a CDI" has been inserted after "gatekeepers".

Claim 16 line 6, both occurrences of "associated" have been changed to "created".

Claim 16 line 6, "based on a CDI" has been inserted after "gatekeeper".

Claim 16 line 7, "based on a CDI" has been inserted after "gatekeepers".

Claim 17 line 5, "associated" have been changed to "created".

Claim 17 line 5, "based on a CDI" has been inserted after "gatekeeper".

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Claim 22 line 5, "associated" have been changed to "created".

Claim 22 line 5, "based on a CDI" has been inserted after "gatekeeper".

Claim 23 lines 7 and 9, "associated" has been changed to "created".

Claim 24 lines 5 and 6, "associated" has been changed to "created".

Claim 24 line 5, "based on a CDI" has been inserted after "gatekeeper".

Claim 24 line 6, "based on a CDI" has been inserted after "gatekeepers".

Reasons for Allowance

2. Regarding independent claims 2-4, 6-9, 12, 14, 16, 17, and 22-24, Naudus teaches a communication endpoint (fig. 1 box 40) for use in a network comprising: a controller configured to

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handle call signaling during a media communication with another endpoint (fig. 1 box 80) via a gatekeeper or directly with another endpoint (col. 8 line 63 - col. 9 line 10).

Although Naudus teaches the controller is configured to maintain a database (col. 8 lines 63 - 67) for identifying multiple virtual domains (fig. 1 box 80: note other domains not shown) associated with a single gatekeeper, nothing in the prior art of reference teaches or fairly suggest the multiple virtual domains are created with a single gatekeeper based on a CDI.

Conclusion

3. Any comments considered necessary by the applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments of Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ronald Abelson whose telephone number is (571) 272-3165. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Seema Rao can be reached on (571) 272-3174. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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